

EGG PRODUCTS
Animal Health Division: Import Procedures AH-96-EGG-OVO-02

COMMODITY CHARACTERISTICS

Egg products include:

Unfertilized Whole Eggs

Egg Shells

Egg Yolk

Egg Albumen or any combination of these products in a liquid, dried, frozen or fresh form.

The following egg products have been processed and therefore the risk of introducing exotic avian diseases into Canada is considered negligible. These products (originating from countries other than the USA) must still be referred to the inspector as per section 41.1(1). For these products, appropriate description on the CCI is acceptable documentation to enable shipment release.

- Decorative egg shells
- Mooncakes
- Edible birds nest in any form (fresh, dried, canned, etc)
- Canned quail eggs
- Egg products as an ingredient for human food

Hatching eggs are excluded from this directive and are treated as live animals.

PROCEDURES:

EGG PRODUCTS FOR USE IN POULTRY FEED:

From USA - may be imported if Revenue Canada, Customs determines that the country of origin is the United States as per Section 41.(1) of the AH regulations.

From countries designated free from Velogenic Newcastle disease, highly pathogenic avian influenza (fowl plague) and the products originate from establishments which are free of fowl typhoid and pullorum diseases

may be imported as per section 53 of the Regulations if the person produces a certificate signed by an official of the government of the country of origin that shows that the country of origin or part thereof is a designated country or part thereof and that the establishments from which the egg products come from are free of fowl typhoid and pullorum diseases.

Risk: Low

From Non-Designated Countries:

may be imported if the person produces a certificate signed by an official of the government of the country of origin stating that the products have been subjected to one of the following treatments:

Albumen - Minimum temperature of 54 degrees Centigrade for at least 3.5 minutes
Egg Yolk or whole egg - Minimum of 61 degrees Centigrade for at least 3.5 minutes
OR
any other equivalent treatment as per diagram provided

Risk: Medium

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REGULATED EGG PRODUCTS AS SUCH FOR ANY USE OTHER THAN ANIMAL FEED:

From USA -

may be imported if Revenue Canada, Customs determines that the country of origin is the United States as per Section 41.(1) of the AH regulations.

From countries designated free from Velogenic Newcastle disease and highly pathogenic avian influenza (fowl plague):

may be imported if a person produces a certificate signed by an official of the government of the country of origin that shows that the country of origin or part thereof is a designated country or part thereof according to Section 41.2.

Risk: Low

From Non-Designated Countries:

may be imported if a person produces a certificate signed by an official of the government of the country of origin stating that the products have been subjected to one of the following treatments:

Albumen - Minimum of 54 degrees Centigrade for at least 3.5 minutes
Egg Yolk or whole egg - Minimum of 61 degrees Centigrade for at least 3.5 minutes
OR any other equivalent treatment as per diagram provided.

Risk: Medium

PRESERVED 100 YEAR OLD EGGS AND SALTED DUCK EGGS:

may be imported if a person produces a certificate signed by an official of the government of the country of origin that describes the quantity and type of eggs in the shipment and includes

appropriate shipping marks and the maritime container number (if applicable) as per section 34.(2).

The following statements must be included on the certificate:

- all eggs in the shipment originated from flocks that are clinically free from Velogenic Newcastle disease and fowl plague (highly pathogenic avian influenza);
- all eggs in the shipment have been inspected and found to be free from all visible surface dirt prior to processing;
- all eggs in the shipment have been candled and found to be non-embryonated and free of blood clots and blood spots;
- Preserved “100 year old” duck eggs have been soaked in a solution comprised of water, tea-leaf, salt, quick lime and alkali for at least 45 days;
- Salted Preserved Duck Eggs have been encased in a coating of rice straw, ash, water and salt for at least 30 days. The coating must not contain soil;
- all packing materials are clean and new and do not contain soil, hay, straw or fodder;
- in the case of “frozen duck egg yolks” the salted duck eggs from which the yolks are derived have been encased in a coating of straw ash, water and salt for at least 30 days prior to extraction of the yolks. The yolks have been frozen and packaging material is clean.

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VISUAL INSPECTION REQUIRED - NOT ELIGIBLE FOR AGRI-PARS OR AGRI-FIRST

The inspector should randomly select one egg per dozen (to a maximum of 12 eggs) to ensure that the surface of selected eggs, under the ash coating is clean and free from adhering dirt, soil, feathers and ectoparasites. Shipments of dirty eggs should be refused entry.

After surface examination, the selected eggs should be broken to check their appearance;

“Preserved 100 year old eggs” the contents of these eggs should be dark and jelly-like.

“Salted Preserved Duck Eggs” the albumen position should be clear and resemble the albumen of a raw egg, the yolk, however, should be solid and jelly-like.

In either case if the eggs are raw, the shipment should be refused entry.

Risk: High

IMPLEMENTATION:

This general directive import directive supersedes all Animal Health directives, either specific or general.

This directive relates to Animal Health import requirements and does not remove any obligation to the Canadian importer to comply with the import requirements of other Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) programs and/or other departments, such as Dairy Fruit and Vegetables, Feed and Fertilizer Section of Plant Products Division, Meat and Poultry Products Division (AAFC), Health Canada and External Affairs.

If not prohibited by another AAFC program, the documents mentioned above (except where otherwise stated) may be imported by facsimile to the Import Primary Contact (IPC) prior to importation, i.e. AGRI-PARS.

Inspection fees of \$14.95 + taxes (AGRI-PARS) or \$25.25 + taxes (regular) are applied to all imported products imported from all countries with the exception of USA whereby no inspection fees are applicable.

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